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**"Pageant of India-Fragrant Karnataka" Exhibition at the Ashoka Hotel, Delhi—
Sanctions the holding of.**

PREAMBLE.—

The Indian Tourism Development Corporation is arranging a series of programmes under the scheme called "Pageant of India" at the Ashoka Hotel, New Delhi, with a view to give the foreign tourists, an idea of the rich cultural heritage of different States of India and find a market for many of the handicrafts and other goods manufactured in the country. The States of Punjab and Rajasthan are stated to have already held their pageants which were successful in presenting the images of the respective States. The Special Commissioner for Karnataka has suggested to organise a similar pageant in respect of Karnataka also some time in the last week of February or 3rd week of March 1974. The details of the scheme are given in the Annexure to this order.

(2) The cost of the pageant of India-Fragrant Karnataka is estimated to be in the order of Rs. 1,50,000/ (Rupees one lakh and fifty thousand). For organising this exhibition, the Special Commissioner has proposed to set up a Committee with Smt. Vasanti T. A. Pai as Chairman with Smt. Indira Shenoy and Shri A. J. Jaspal (Cultural and Entertainment Executive-Ashoka Hotel) as Members, Shri S. K. Ghosal as Secretary and Sri T. M. Sirur (Information Officer, Karnataka Information Centre, New Delhi) as Joint Secretary. The Special Commissioner has also proposed that the Advisory Committee may co-opt any other person for any specific or general purposes in connection with the programme.

The Special Commissioner for Karnataka has sought sanction of Government to his proposals to enable him to go ahead with the preparation for the implementation of the proposed pageant on behalf of this State.

ORDER No. HD. 114. PIP. 73, BANGALORE, DATED THE 12TH FEBRUARY, 1974.

Agreeing with the above proposals of the Special Commissioner for Karnataka, New Delhi, Government of Karnataka are pleased to accord sanction to the following.—

(1) Holding of the exhibition viz., Pageant of India-Fragrant Karnataka at the Ashoka Hotel, New Delhi between the 13th and 18th March 1974, or any other suitable days.

(2) Formation of a Committee for the purpose as proposed by the Special Commissioner.

(3) Visit of Shri A. J. Jaspal, Cultural and Entertainment Executive, Ashoka Hotel, New Delhi to Karnataka State for purposes of selection of exhibits, artists, musicians etc., in consultation with the concerned Heads of Departments of this Government.

(4) Authorisation to the Committee to be headed by Smt. Vasanti T. A. Pai to take all decisions relevant to the arrangements, execution of the project and entrusting the entire responsibility for the proper presentation of the exhibition, and

(5) Placing a sum of Rs. 1,50,000/(Rs. One lakh and fifty thousand) only at the disposal of the Special Commissioner for Karnataka for expenditure connected with the exhibition in question and for meeting this expenditure initially from out of the funds of the Department of Information and Tourism under the budget head "26 Misc. Dept. G. Development Schemes-(i) State Plan-A. Information and Publicity-Production of Exhibition models, charts and participation in exhibitions", The Director of Information and Tourism may, if necessary, suggest suitable re-appropriation later in case the funds available under this head of account are considered inadequate.

(2) All the concerned Heads of Departments are requested to render the necessary assistance and co-operation required by the Special Commissioner for Karnataka and also to Shri A. J. Jaspal of Ashoka Hotel, New Delhi, in connection with the proposed exhibition. The Director of Industries and Commerce and the Karnataka Handicrafts Development Corporation may be incharge of renting out stalls and organisation of sale of Karnataka products. The General Administration Department (Hospitality) will select and send the best Cooks in consultation with the Special Commissioner.

(3) The Special Commissioner for Karnataka will credit all the proceeds of the exhibition to the account of the State Government as suggested. The Special Commissioner will also take necessary action to move the Delhi Administration for grant of exemption from entertainment tax. The Director of Information and Publicity is also authorised to draw the amount in lumpsum or in instalments on A. C. Bills as and when the Special Commissioner requests for placement of funds at his disposal for expenditure in connection with the proposed exhibition.

This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department in their U.O. No. 68/FS, dated 7th January 1974.

By Order and in the name of the Governor of Karnataka,

K. S. L. SASTRY,

*Under Secretary to Government,
Home Department.*

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